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WHAT NOW?

By ROY G. OWENS
Engineer-Economist

Sanctified Treadmills For the Sons of Toil

Should men work with the sole object of getting things done that want doing—or should men be bent with noses eternally to the grindstone merely in devotional obedience to the "god" of work? To be employed or not to be employed—that seems to be the question. It's a national issue—no less.

How much work wants doing?—who is to do what wants doing?—and—how long will it take how many people to do what it takes to deliver all that's wanted? Such inquiries spring from that "wisdom of man which is foolishness" with the "gods" of work.

And so the matter resolves itself into contriving a series of sanctified treadmills—some under "free" enterprise and the rest under government auspices—with job accommodations aplenty so that every citizen may be "free" to exercise the "right to work."

Thus fully employed until crippled or worn out—the presumption is that the laborers are worthy of their hire—at minimum wages, without layoffs, but minus taxes—and "free" enterprise is supposed to wave its arms and shout "Hallelujah, ain't this grand."

Now this is not supposed to be the column of a humorist—but can anybody think of anything funnier?—or more ridiculous?

People pawing carpets in an ecstacy engendered by the entrancing perfume of the smoking incense of "ism" and job nonsense. The right to work indeed.

Men have a right to live — an inherent right. And under the meaning of the word "civilized"—the right to live carries with it—not the right but the obligation to work just as faithfully and just as long as it takes to produce the wanted things that make life worth living.

Such are nature's laws. And nature—believe it or not—imposes a still further obligation—"get this job and tht job and all jobs done in the easiest possible way, with the least possible labor in the shortest possible time."

Work is a limited obligation on every man. But the obligation is limited. Definitely limited. Even Syd Hillman can't alter that fact.

Look out for the poet, the philosopher or the politician who thinks it's his endless mission to glorify the "right" to work. The man with the hoe is not a fool. He doesn't want his muscle thumping job glorified—he wants it annihilated. That's why he takes off his hat to the man who invented the caterpillar but is never quite sure whether to let the senator kiss his baby or not. He knows what to expect from the caterpillar.

And what became of the hefty shoulders of the village blacksmith under chestnut trees—and the bulging chests of artists and craftsmen who once upon a time were glorified glass blowers? That was before Corning—Owens-Illinois-Febreglass Libbey Owens Ford sent them home to sit it out while hot wheels and the gears went on with glass making.

Even the expeht steel roller—the labor artistocrat and the highest paid of all toilers—has seen his job and his personal skill move off into the pages of antiquity and a tireless machine do a better job than he, and faster than any but a few thought possible.

Let poetry now be written to glorify the endless right to live—not the right to endless work. Let the philosopher teach the limited obligations of toil and the constant opportunity to limit that obligation still further by shifting the load to wheels and motors. And above all—let the politician catch up with the century.

I am sure the lady was sincere, but lacking in perception, when she said "work is the most interesting thing I know. No one finds the joy in leisure that they do in honest toil."

I don't know the lady—but I'll be one of E. V. Durling's stogies that her house is lighted by electricity—cleaned by a vacuum cleaner—has a gas or electric kitchen and every other labor killing contraption that can be afforded—and that any gadget that even looks like it might increase the opportunity for more leisure and more freedom from toil can find a ready market in her home—if she has the price.

Abraham Lincoln is reported to have said: "My father taught me to work; he did not each me to love it."

OLD TIME CAMP AT WASHINGTON GETS ELECTRICITY

The construction of the sawmill across the South Yuba River from Washington, old time mining camp 17 miles from this city, has resulted in bringing electricity not only to the sawmill but will also make it available to some 26 houses that now constitute the village.

N. Schwalenberg, construction foreman, and George Van Epps, electrical foreman for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company now have a crew of twenty men engaged in bringing a power line down from the Spanish Mine to both town and sawmill. Transformers are now being installed near the town to serve both. The line from the Spanish Mine to Washington is three and a half miles. The installation work is now practically completed.

The new sawmill at Washington is being built by the State Box Company of Sacramento. It was the mill formerly operated by the Tahoe Sugar Pine Company. at Graniteville, Nevada County, elevation 5,000 feet and reerected at Washington at an elevation of 2500 feet. This will permit the company to operate for a season of at least nine months as against six months at the former location.

FIVE YEAR OLD BOY NARROWLY MISSES DEATH

Paddy Brady, 5, narrowly escaped death at the family home three miles from this city on the Lake Vera Road Tuesday afternoon, when the house caught fire while his mother was absent a few minutes. She had gone to pick up three older children in her car at the school bus stop. When she left the house Paddy was sound asleep.

While she was away her husband returned and found the house in flames. He smashed a window with a stick of wood and was able to reach the terrified youngster who had rolled himself tightly in blankets. To get him out the father hauled the small bed through the window. This proved to be the only article saved from destruction. The house burned to the ground. Brady, a wood cutter, his wife and four children are destitute.

Mrs. Hal D. Draper, chairman of the Red Cross Home Service Unit, this morning stated that immediate steps are being taken to rehabilitate the family, providing clothes, bedding and furniture.

NEWS HUSBAND IS FREE COMES TO MRS. FLEMING

Mrs. Joseph LaMar Fleming Monday afternoon received a message from the War Department stating that an official report has been received from Manila, announcing that her husband, a mining engineer employed in the Philippines for many years, has been rescued from a Japanese prison camp at Los Banos, 40 miles from Manila.

Mrs. Fleming and her daughter, Mary LaMar Fleming, have not seen husband and father, respectively, for seven years. The telegram stated that his physical condition was fair and advised her that she may send a message free to him. The telegram was signed by Provost Marshal Gen. Lerch.

Jerry Fuller caretaker for the Tahoe national forest at North Bloomfield ranger station this winter, and Mrs. Fuller were business visitors here yesterday.

CALIFORNIA FARMERS FACE HECTIC YEAR

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

This year, 1945, according to recent reports from Washington, is designated as "transition year" for farmers—the year when food demands of our allies and the liberated countries will narrow down, when the epidemic of food crises on the home front will start to wane, and when agriculture can begin to catch its breath and start thinking in terms of post war stabilization.

That, we hasten to repeat, is an appraisal from the national capital, but many of Washington's earlier forecasts of the farm situation have undergone radical revision when conditions fluctuated.

The agricultural vista may be shifting in some sections of the United States, but California farmers, as yet, certainly have not noted any indications of the transition which is reported in the offing.

Here, at the western end of the nation's food production line, closest of all the ravenous needs of the thundering Pacific war theatres, California, instead of experiencing any slump in food requirements, is experiencing one crisis after another in home front shortages.

How many of these shortages in the consumer market are due to actual shortages in production—and how many are a result of bungled price controls and mismanagement of rationing—it is difficult to determine. But at any raee, few consumers in California's war crowded cities would agree that there is as yet any indication of a return to normalcy.

The transition period for California farmers, due to the fact that the Pacific war is expected to continue long after peace comes in Eurone, may be many months behind, or even a year behind, the period of transition in eastern and middle western states. That, incidentally, represents one of the gravest problems confronting farmers in this state, for every farmer is alert to the great danger that agriculture will be caught with a critical over production problem, once the abnormal needs of war disappear.

Under the circumstances, even though the headlines in California are still concerned with shortages, it is practical and provident to weigh new national forecasts which are emphasizing the post war problem of surpluses.

Fortune Magazine recently reported: "Washington announces that danger of a food crisis is past, (that sounds odd out here), and the enormous 1944 harvest of feedstuffs, coupled with the curtailment of livestock numbers, indicates the feed crisis likewise is past." Proceeding from that premise, Fortune lists the following reasons why farmers may wisely scale down their 1945 production:

1—Occupied countries (now liberated, or soon to be liberated) will not need so much of our agricultural products as once believed. UNRRA, accordingly, is reducing its estimates.

2—Returning soldiers will not need nor want in civilian pursuits, the average 4000 daily calories they are getting in the service.

3—Civilian consumption, which has been abnormal during the war years, standing 7 per cent higher than in 1935-39, is due to drop, too.

4—When war plants shut down and returning soldiers increase the farm labor supply, and when more farm equipment is available, agricultural production may break all records.

5—If government continues to "hold prices firm", there will be a continued, artificial incentive to farmers to cash in while they can.

Though this may be the year of agricultural transition to government "farm experts", viewing the scene from desks in Washington, to California farmers it gives promise of being one of the most hectic of all the war years, with sudden poultry shortages making more acute the continuing meat shortages, with war orders for certain products abruptly doubled, so that the supply for civilian consumers dwindles to the vanishing point, and with no let up what ever in the demand for more and more production.

Looking ahead toward the day when perhaps he can relax, however, the California farmer is doing what post war planning he can. And without doubt his greatest hope for that day ahead is that the tangled government controls which have continuously hampered the job of production and distribution during four years of war will be dissolved when the war is done. That is one vital phase of transition which the farmer is determined to bring to pass.

CALIDA LUMBER COMPANY BEGINS SAWING AGAIN

Following winter shut down due to unseasonal storms last November and December the Calida Lumber Mill near Indian Valley, fourteen miles west of Downieville, started production of lumber Tuesday, Mar. 6. The Calida Lumber Company, a partnership consisting of E. T. Fischer and Alfred F. Baumhoff, former mining operators and formerly of Boise. Idaho started construction of their new mill in August, 1943, and completed it last fall in time to saw approximately three million board feet of lumber before the heavy winter storms set in.

The company was the successful bidder in a sale of government timber consisting of nine million feet, board measure of ponderosa pine, five million feet of sugar pine, ten million feet of douglas fir and three million feet of white fir, on an area of approximately 1700 acres of the Brandy City virgin timber unit, in the Downieville district of the Tahoe national forest.

To start their seasonal cut, the company had approximately three million feet of logs in the mill pond and decked adjacent to the mill, which should provide thirty days sawing before spring logging operations start. During the past winter a new re-saw was installed, which is estimated will increase the daily cut to approximately 100,000 board feet of lumber per eight hour shift. The 1945 season's cut is estimated at twenty million board feet of lumber, states district ranger Delaney. The Calida Lumber Company has made arrangements with the Stockton Box Company of Stockton, for them to buy and handle all lumber as it reaches the green chain. In handling this lumber from the green chain to the lumber piles in the yard and from the dry lumber piles to the trucks which haul it to Stockton, the purchaser will employ from 20 to 22 me nunder the supervision of Foreman Claude Harrison. The mill will employ 30 men under the supervision of George Erlandson, mill superintendent. The logging will be done by the Ross Logging Company, consisting of two brothers. C. T. and Larry Ross who will employ 30 men in the woods operations and in the delivery of logs to the mill pond. All logging will be done under government supervision and sustained yield management for furnishing timber to support this community and the local lumber industry. This government timber sale will be under the general supervision of district ranger F. B. Delaney in charge of the Downieville district. Ivan A. Cuff will be the forest officer in direct charge of the sale and the scaling will be done by F. T. Rixey.

SPRING MEETING OF RANGERS

The annual spring meeting of the rangers and their assistants of Tahoe national forest is now convened here. It usually lasts three or four days and problems of each ranger district, and plans for the coming summer are discussed.

Attending the meeting are Warren Barnes and Charles Fox of Big Bend, Frank Meggers and Nelson Stone of Camptonville, Frank Delaney and William Nelson of Downieville, Joe Ely and Clarence Martz of Forest Hill, F. A. Land and Samuel Dickey of Sierraville, Hobart Snider and Leo Chatfield of Truckee. Paul Case, ranger for the Bloomfield district. left last week on a new assignment in flood control work at Pasadena. but his assistant, Darwin Conover is present.

Nevada City Contributes Generously To Red Cross

Nevada City's Red Cross drive, according to a report made by Mrs. Richard R. Goyne, secretary of the local Red Cross Chapter is almost to the halfway mark of the quota of $8,100. A total of $3,952.35 has been collected in the first week of the drive.

The following donations have been made:

Pre drive subscriptions $1885.00.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company $75.00.

$50.00

Pacific Tel. and Tel. Co., Tiltons Photo Studio, Mr. and Mrs. John Hecker, Dru and Mrs. W. J. Hawkins.

Bank of America $47.40.

$30 OR MORE

Purity Stores, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Fowler, Save More Variety Store.

$25.00

Risley's Dress Shop, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Scheemer, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Robinson, Shamrock Cafe, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schreiber, Major and Mrs. J. P. Morgan, A Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murchie, Nevada County Lumber Co.

$20.00

Mrs. Ethel Heether, Pease Bakery, Tamblyn's Insurance Co., Boston Mercantile Co., Mr. and Mrs. James Penrose, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Uren, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Thurston.

$15.00

Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullis, Buck Brothers, Orleans Flat, Cardinal Store.

$10.00

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hieronimus, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Richards, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holbrook, George Crocby, Paint Shop, Nevada City Nugget, Mrs. L. Shields, E. L. Fischer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leong, Bowmans Beauty Shop, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Veale, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Fox, Miss Laura Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. John Darke, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Deeter, Ella S. Ramsey, Jack Shebley, Gus Dimmen.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McCormack, Mrs. H. D. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mprchie, Mr and Mrs. T. S. Scribner, National Meat Market, M. F. Van Giesen, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Arbogast, Mrs. Ed Litke, G. H. Thurn M,r. and Mrs. Peter Giretto, Greg and Mary Altenhofen, Col. and Mrs. J. Vincent. Gold Center Club. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. House.

$6.00

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Muscardini, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Colman, Rainbow Tavern. Mr. and Mrs. Max Weiss.

$5.00

Mrs. Arlene Headley, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Norton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stedger, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCulloch, Lt. and Mrs. A. L. Tower, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Otis Hardt, W. R. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Crase, Mr. and Mrs. George Hitchens, George Day, R. J. Berggren, William Young, Central Food Co., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pitz, Andrew Larsen, Margaret Coughlan, Clarence Gray, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Farley, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woodside, Mr. and Mrs. Barch, G. K. Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill, Mrs. A. C. Iarsen, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kiefer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wharff, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. LaRue, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMichel, Mr and Mrs. L. B. Syms,

Mrs. A. W. Hoge, Mrs. Elizabeth Trathen, A Friend, A Friend, Mrs. Grace Englebright, Mrs. Surratt, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Mrs. Marion Libbey, Garfield Robson, Causurie Book Club, G. E. Barton, Mrs. Austin Boreham, T. L. Larson, A. A. Johnson, Mrs. Douglas Farmer, Mrs. Hazel Whitford, Mary Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Worthley, Mr. and Mrs. Casamatta, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dennis,

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CHMA To Meet Sunday, Colfax

W. W. Esterly, secretary of the California Hydraulic Mining Association, yesterday notified members that the March meeting will be held in Colfax, Placer County, in the Colfax Hotel Sunday. There will be the usual luncheon at 1 o'clock and discussion following.

Topics will be the prospect of a higher price for gold and pending legislation affecting mining.

SCOUTS OPEN GEN. EISENHOWER PAPER DRIVE

A nationwide Boy Scout-General Eisenhower collection for waste paper is under way. The Boy Scouts of America have been asked to collect 300,000,000 pounds—150,000 tons. Every cub scout, or senior scout collecting a thousand pounds or more will receive the handsome General Eisenhower medal, and every pack, troop or senior unit collecting an average of 1000 pounds per boy membership will receive the General Eisenhower shell case trophy. This is another Boy Scout "good turn" and scouts in most communities throughout the Tahoe area are already at work. As has been pointed out, the scouts and leaders should not lose sight of the "good turn" which is fundamental in scouting, and that even though they will receive funds from the paper collected, this should not be the ultimate objective. This waste paper collection is from Mar. 1st and will continue until April 30, and scouts and leaders in various communities are asked to cooperate wit hlocal salvage committees.

CONSERVATION WEEK OPENS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Walter Carlson county superintendent of schools, states the conservation week programs began today in the schools of Nevada City and Grass Valley, and next week will be continued in the rural schools until March 14th. Conservation Week runs from March 7th to 14th.

The programs this year consist of quizes covering a wide field in conserving the natural resources of this county with stress upon forest resources. Prizes will be awarded public school students for the best records of answers to the questions. Assisting Carlson in these programs are Will French and Gordon Vance of the Tahoe national forest staff.

TAX LOAD NOW 35 CENTS TO A DOLLAR INCOME

SACRAMENTO, March 8 — The people of California are already paying such large sums for the support of government that they should not be burdened with additional state taxes not needed to meet budgee requirements.

H. Harold Leavey of Sacramento, chairman of the Sacramento Valley Regional Tax Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce, made this statement today in endorsing Gov. Warren's program now before the state legislature to continue for another two years the tax reduction program enacted in 1943.

"As recently as 1936-37 combined federal, state and local taxes took sixteen cents out of every dollar of the public's income in California" Leavey said. "The combined tax burden was thirty five cents out of every dollar of income in 1943-44."

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HISTORY ANSWERS A QUESTION

A world shaking answer is shaping in Germany today to a queseion that has perplexed mankind for centuries.

Reasonable men have wondered long concerning the final and ultimate end of a people or a society willing to turn its problems in their entirety over to a master state for solution—in exchange for "security" of an equally all-inclusive nature.

Germany today provides that answer, history will record it, and though it is not "world domination," as promised, the Germans themselves probably would be the last to call it illogical.

With an avenging world aligned against them, the German people frightened and cowering, now are turned one against the other, the all-powerful government in its final hours constituting its own "purge commissions" for the liquidation of all who cry "enough."

That is the final executive act of the state—a state which began so auspiciously a generation ago, promising all things to a people who would turn in their self will and say to the leaders: "Take care of us; our problems are too great a burden."

The answer, written briefly in today's news columns, is perhaps the biggest historical truth established by this war, for the benefit, let us hope, of all future generations.—Contribueed.

AN ALL-CALIFORNIA EVENT

Mayor Roger D. Lapham of San Francisco has made it plain that he considers the forthcoming United Nations Conference in San Francisco not a San Francisco event, but a bay region event; in fast, an all-California event.

The mayor directly reiterated this concept of his, first expressed in public statements to the chairmen of bay region boards of supervisors and to mayors of principal bay cities at a meeting he called especially for that purpose.

San Francisco happens to be the state of the actual conference, the mayor pointed out, but the eneire bay region and to a large extent all California shares the honor and responsibility.

Nearby communities will participate directly by housing the overflow of conference attendance and San Franciscans dislodged to make room for conference delegates .Communities a little further away will probably be called on to take care of a secondary population dislocation. All may have the opportunity of opening the doors of their homes and clubs for the reception and entertainmene of conference attendants.

Travelling to and from the conference, the delegates and their secretaries undoubtedly will wish to stop off to see as much of California as possible, because in many quarters of the globe it represents the "promised land."

Thus all California forms the background of a conference whose name only will be taken from San Francisco, as mayor Lapham aptly points out.—Contributed.

AN IDEA FOR EVERYBODY

A man in San Francisco named M. D. McVey has an idea that every car owner and driver in the state might well copy. On the window of his auto he has a sign reading: "The driver of this car welcomes riders going his way." At a transfer point he passes daily, he displays another sign, giving his route and adding: "Anybody want a lift?"

In the first four months of this open house—or open-car—regime, McVey has given lifts to 823 persons. He says he has had no unpleasant experiences, many pleasant ones. Inside the car he hangs an envelope marked "Take one." In it are printed cards, reading:

"There's a lot of fun, as you know, in doing something for someone else just for the sheer pleasure of doing it. Please pass this thought along."

Considering the wartime traffic congestion in California, and innumerable servicemen and civilians in need of occasional lifts, following McVey's example is one genuine way to help the war effort. Anyone with even one seat to spare in his car can be a lot of help, especially to our boys in uniform, at no trouble, or expense to himself. I'm glad to pay back something for all the good that has come to me in life," says McVey. —Contributed.

HOTEL SPACE A PROBLEM

Hotel space in war-crowded San Francisco is a greater problem. However, a city which has neaarly 500 hotels, more than 20 of which are listed as Class A, and over 1,250 reseaurants, many of them world famous, will see to it that its guests do not go sleepless or starve. Certain floors of various hotels may be set aside for exclusive use of the delegates and staff.

Special facilities will be provided by the four telegraph and cable companies and the telephone system. The army and navy will provide buses to operate between the hotels and the conference halls. Efficient first aid stations will be set up to care for emergencies. The city's streets and store windows will be decorated for this momentous occasion, and San Francisco noted restaurants and night clubs are benig readied for the influx of distinguished visitors.

The conference is an event of historical importance not only to San Francisco but to the whole of Northern and Central California, and officials are determined that "the city" shall live up, even under wartime restrictions, to its international reputation for hospitality.—Contrbiuted.

STUDEBAKER CO. OFFICIAL IS ROTARY SPEAKER

C. K. Whittaker, vice president of the Studebaker Corporation, the guest speaker at the Grass Valley Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting in Bret Harte Inn Monday, declared it would be 18 months after the war ends before the public could buy new models in cars.

Gilbert Gramer, automobile dealer of Grass Valley, was program chairman, and Eugene Ingalls, club president, presided. There was a large delegation from the Nevada City Rotary Club and attendance, with guests was 120.

Whittaker has been associated with Studebaker for 21 years and is considered an authority on post war automotive plans. He said that in 1941, the peak year in automotive business 5,000,000 new cars were produced. In the six months of 1942 following, after converting to war equipment production the automobile maker's output in six months equaled in value the entire automotive production for 40 years.

Whitaker said that there have been lots of stories about fancy models coming out after the war ends, some of the bodies depicted in magazines showing beautiful plastics. The trouble with that idea, he stated, is that plastics at present are brttle in the winter time and soft in the summer. Such materials may be used in time but as yet plastic cars are not practicable.

He declared that it would require six months to reconvert the industry after the war ends. A brand new system of assembly lines is to be installed so that the price of new cars may be kept within reason. The first cars sold after peace comes will be 1942 models. He said that while labor will receive higher wages than pre war levels, the engineers are studying means of cutting down the costs by labor savin dgevices, such as the new assembly line set-ups which save much labor.

CLYDE RENFROW FREED

Mr. and Mrs. Jim V. Woods of Oceanside, who spend considerable of their time here looking after property interests, had a wire from the federal government stating their son, Clyde Renfrew had been rescued by the U. S. armed forces in the Philippines. Clyde left the United States before war broke out to take responsible position with the Marsman Mining Company. After the fall of the Philippines to the Japs he hid in the mountainous regions a year and entered an enemy prison in 1943. Clyde spent considerable of his childhood at Alleghany while Woods was employed in mines there later moving to Nevada City to enter high school with his sisters. He was a great fisherman and hunter; Renfrew was employed in the local mines before going to the Philippines.

HEN PHEASANT VISITS S. F. FINANCIAL DISTRICT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8—A hen pheasant, somewhat bewildered by unfamiliar surroundings, was seen early this week at the corner of California and Montgomery streets, in the heart of the financial district.

Before the unusual bird could be caught, it flew over adjacent roof tops and vanished. Where it came from is a mystery. Park officials say there are no pheasants in Golden Gate Park. Nearest pheasant colony to San Francisco is believed to live in shrubbery along the Oakland approach to the San Francisco Oakland bay bridge.

JOHN STURGILL IS CONVICTED

A jury of four women and eight men, after deliberating four hours Tuesday found John Sturgill guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. The jury brought in its verdict shortly after 8 p. m. The jury recommended leniency.

Sturgill was defended by Attorney James Snell and did not take the stand in his own defense. Chief witnesses to testify for the prostcution were William Felder, who was cut by Sturgill during a brawl inTruckee on January 2nd, and Dr. George F. Foster, county physician who dressed Felder's wounds at the county hospital. Sturgill will appear for sentence Friday.

Sturgill made a purported confession of murder January 25th to Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen. He told a story of having shot an itinerant at Newark, Alameda County, on May 9, 1938. Investigation by the sheriff of Alameda failed to substantiate Sturgill's story and the matter was dropped. Following the so-called confession Sheriff Tobiassen returned the following morning to obtain Sturgill's signature and found that during the night the prisoner had slashed his arms and throat with a razor blade. The trial which set for January 30 was postponed until March 6th.

Needy Aged in Nevada County Get $26.321 in Jan.

In Nevada County $26,321 was paid in aid to the needy for the one month of January 1945. The state contributed $12,401 of this amount the federal government $10.629 and $3291 came from county funds California taxpayers association stated. These payments include aid to the needy blind, dependent children, and county indigents.

During the last completed fiscal year the state provided $48,645,431 in subventions for welfare alone throughout California and the federal government provided $53,463,000 the association said. State subventions for welfare took a third of total state subventions in the year June 1044 with $58,645,321 going for this purpose. $22,646,896. for highways, $78,558,519 for education and $19,035,912 for miscellaneous purposes. Total state subventions expended by local government in California in fiscal 1944 amounted to $6160,713,956.

Action by the people in increasing state aid to elementary school districts and by the legislature in permanently increasing aid to the needy aged has required setting up $527,885,926 in the proposed state budget for payments and grants to local governments for ehe 1945-47 biennium compared with $369,989,068 for the current twoyearperiod, the association said pointing out that the $649,714,649 proposed state budget provides $266,638,378 for all state government purposes compared with $517,885,926 for aid to local governments.

"The people should bear in mind that the money their local governments get from Sacramento and Washington is money taken from them by state and federal taxes" the association declared. "It is neither a gift nor manna from heaven. Further expansion of subventions should be refused."

ENGLE ASKS FOR $56 GOLD PRICE

WASHONGTON, March 8—A bill raising the price of gold to $56 per fine ounce has been introduced by Congressman Clair Engle (D) of California. The bill further provides that the existing gold ratios required to be maintained against federal reserve notes in actual circulation and federal reserve bank deposits shall be maintained at their present levels.

Congressman Engle, in a statement on the floor of the house in regard to the introduction of the bill, called attention to the ateempt which is being made by the federal reserve board to obtain the approval of congress of lowering the gold reserve requirement to 25 per cent. He pointed out that since the passage of the federal reserve act in 1913, the gold reserve requirement have been 40 per cent against federal reserve notes in actual circulation and 35 per cent against actual reserve deposits. Engle stated that he opposed changing those figures and suggested as an alternative his bill increasing the dollar value of gold.

"If, as the federal reserve experts claim, it is necessary to expand the currency beyond the point permitted by the 40 per cent gold reserve requirements," the congressman declared, "I propose an alternative which will be more effective. This bill will increase the dollar value of gold in precisely the same proportion and permit issuance of the same amount of currency as would be possible by reducing the reserve requirements from 40 to 25 per cent. In other words, it will accomplish the same thing but do something in addition for domestic gold mining and certainly do no harm in the international field. It is the answer to the managed currency thinkers in the treasury department and such men as Marriner Eccles of the federal reserve board, who claim that any gold backing for our currency is just a concession to orthodoxy. Unless this move is taken, we are on our way to a 100 per cent managed currency."

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BAY COUNTIES FORM S. F. AREA COUNCIL

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5—Long standing rivalry among the 12 counties fronting on San Francisco bay destined to be submerged in a new cooperative promotional organization to be known as the San Francisco Bay Area Council, it was believed here today.

The council has as its purpose the mutual development of all the counties fronting on bay tidewater, on the theory that "what helps one, helps all." Every question affecting the region as a whole or any of its 71 communities will be the councils' business, its officers say.

With Francis V. Keesling of San Francisco at its head, the council already is functioning through committees on each of which all counties have representation. The committes include industrial, development, aviation, foreign trade, legislation, transportation, agriculture, the highway and public works, manpower and labor relations, health, housing, schools, publicity and cultural activities.

METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Elliot Fisher our new district superintendent will be with us and preach for us at 11 a. m. All members and friends are invited.

Enlisted soldiers are excluded from the franchise in Brazil under its present government.

NEW JET PLANE ALMOST AS FAST AS SOUND WAVES

SCHENECTADY, Marrh 5 — The new GE Jet generates more motive power than any other aircraft engine and now is being used by the Army Air Forces to drive propellerless Lockheed P-80 fighters faster than any other planes in the world will fly, it was announced today by General Electric Company with approval by the War Department.

The new GE Jet, installed in the tail of the sleek P-80 Shooting Star produces more than twice the power of the earlier model of jet engines first produced by General Electric for the AAF. This engine of simple design also is far more powerful than any conventional reciprocating engine for aircraft.

The tremendous power of this relatively light engine gives the great advantage of top speed to the P-80 Shooting Star. At this lightning like pace the P-80 is highly maneuverable and control of the GE Jet is so simple that AAF pilots have found the planes powered by it easy to fly.

These advanced types of GE Jets already are in production for the AAF at the General Electric Company's work at Syracuse, N. Y. The powerful GE Jet also will be manufactured by Allison Division of General Motors.

Air to the jet engine in the P-80 rams into vents in the front wings almost flush against the fuselage. It pours through the vents to the engine, where it is compressed by a swiftly revolving impeller. At extremely high altitudes the air will be as cold as 75 degrees below zero. The air is whipped by the impeller to a combustion chamber, where fuel, usually kerosene, burns fiercely. This causes the air to expand and increases its velocity. The air and gases then pass through a blazing hot turbine wheel, which is connected by shaft with the impeller. The blast then passes out the jet exhaust at the rear tip of the plane, giving the drive or forward thrust.

This reactive thrust, which drives the Shooting Star and other jet planes forward, is so simple that it it sometimes is hard to understand. It conforms with Newton's third law of motion; that to any action there is an equal and opposite reaction. A simple example is a garden spray of the spinner type, which revolves in the opposite direction from which the spray streams revolves in the opposite direction from which the spray streams go.

This new GE Jet makes virtually no vibration lessening fatigue for the pilot. It is simple to maintain, having few movable parts. Pilots of a P-80 hear no noise from the jet in flight. The rumbling roar from it passes out the rear.

Another outstanding performance characteristic of the P-80 is its high altitude maneuverability. The GE Jet functions powerfully and smoothly at extremely high altitudes. Due to less air drag on the plane, the jet uses much less fuel at high altitude than it does going at the same speed at low altitudes.

Another advantage of this new super jet engine is that it requires no warm up. It develops more than enough power for a take off in less than a minute.

This new high powered GEJet was developed at River Works of General Electric, Lynn, Mass., where the first jet engine for the AAF was produced in the United States from original designs developed by the British.

AVERY PHILLIPS IN HAWAII

Mrs. Clara Phillips received a letter from her son, Avery Phillips stating he had arrived safely February 24 in the Hawaiian Islands, his letter carrying a Honolulu postmark.

Avery signed up as an electricians helper with the federal government for work at a U. S. air base at Pearl Harbor. He was one of five out of fourteen to pass the examination at Mare Island recently.

He proved a good sailor and enjoyed his trip to the islands where he expects to spend the next 18 months.

Of California's total area of 158,297 square miles, 2645 square miles are water.

Red Cross War Fund Head Enlists Full Public Support

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Urging each American citizen to consider the Red Cross as his personal emissary to his particular serviceman, Colby M. Chester, chairman of the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund campaign, today asked all Americans to give to their fullest ability in support of the 1945 national goal of $200,000,000.

"Those of us who must stay at home and fight by doing our daily tasks as efficiently as possible," he said, "like to feel that though we are not beside John or Jim or Bob on the battle field, we do have a personal ambassador in each of the ten thousand Red Cross workers now serving with the troops overseas."

Opening March 1 and continuing throughout the entire month, the third Red Cross War Fund will not only fill intensified needs on advancing war fronts, but will provide needed services to those who have returned from action, their families, their buddies awaiting transportation overseas, and their friends and neighbors at home in time of natural or war-caused emergency.

More than 3,000,000 volunteer solicitors stand ready to aid in local collections in every American community. Each will devote his time and effort toward reaching the goal so that men and women in military service will know the Red Cross "is staying right with them, right up to and beyond the day of peace and victory," Mr. Chester explained.

Without personal gain or remuneration, the 3,000,000 men and women volunteer canvassers will represent 3,756 Red Cross chapters throughout the nation. Seeking from door to door those contributions which will not be made through factory, office, school or theatre, each will carry an official identification card for the protection of the householder. For the most part, however, such identification will be unnecessary because the solicitor will be a neighbor or friend. To each contributor, he will give a red, white and blue window sticker bearing the well-known Red Cross emblem.

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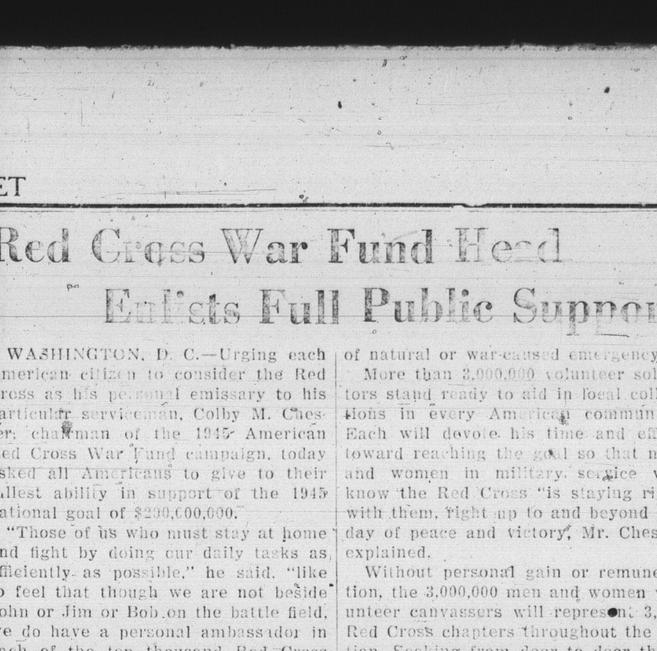

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A Bell for Adano

By John Hersey

● The American major in charge of affairs in an occupied town in Italy was questioning some of the citizens of Adano. "What does this town need most?" he asked one.

"Much to eat," replied the Italian.

Another Italian said: "It needs a bell more than anything. The spirit is more important than the stomach, and that bell which the Fascists took away from Adano was our spirit."

The town got its bell.

A BELL FOR ADANO—a best seller for many months—was written by John Hersey, brilliant war correspondent for Time and Life, after covering the Sicilian campaign. The New York Times says: "It's the finest novel about American participation in the Second World War that we have seen."

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Everett Angove—

Ernest Angove received a letter this week written February 25 from his youngest son, Everett Angove, who is on the Mariana Islands. Everett is in the 301st Maintenance Air Squadron. He had looked up Max Solaro of the CBs and had a nice visit. Joe Sbaffi is also on the same island and the three were planning on meeting the next Sunday for a dinner to discuss "good old Nevada City," according to Everett. Everett was in good health and spirits.

Floyd Ruth—

Floyd Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dodge of Boulder street, in his last letter stated he was in the Marianas. He spent considerable time at an air base on Sianan island and was moved to the Marianas. Floyd is on a U. S. bomber.

Albert McKissick—

Albert McKissick came up from Camp Beale Tuesday on a three day pass and visited with his wife at their home on the Murchie Road. He is in the U. S. Infanary and was at Camp Roberts for many months before being sent to Camp Beale.

FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY MEETS

A St. Patrick's Day motif was reflected in the decorations for meeting of the Nevada City Ladies Fire Auxiliary Friday evening held at the firemen's headquarters in the City Hall. Games were played and prizes were won by Lue Steger, Esther Perry, Evelyn Young, and Dorothy Pierce. The mystery box went to Esther Perry. Katherine Cartoscelli was in charge of the social hour.

COURTESY IS A WAR TIME CASUALTY

By LEONE BAXTER

Even with Mr. Byrnes' midnight curfew closing the night spots, and the meat and poultry shortages cutting wartime menus shorter, it cannot seriously be contended that the home front yet feels first hand any but the minor lashings of war.

There is one acute shortage, nevertheless, whose ill effects are cutting deep into the people's fibre and will be felt long after the war is past, unless a remedy is found, and soon.

The shameful shortage of common courtesy exhibited on every hand indicates that a decent regard between human beings here at home is as oue of control as the OPAs ceiling on spring fryers. The situation can't be cured by edict any more than the black market can be cleaned up by official directive.

Ordinary courtesy is strained and broken and smashed to bits on the wheel of what we are pleased to call our "war nerves." And the people at large are going to have to want its restoration badly enough to engineer a change in their relationships, one with another, themselves.

The ignominious circle begins when people are pushed around in the shops, in public offices, in buses, streetcars, restaurants, and every place else where, because the personnel pool is scraping the bottom of the barrel the incompetent and surly can acquire authority and deal out abuse.

Home towners blame it on the outsiders from other states and other communities. Newcomers maintain they have plenty of provocation in dealing with the mossbacks. The scowling circle grows, and the general bad temper and ill manners prevalent particularly in the war centers, make veterans home on furlough wish for the front again.

Last week San Francisco's chief of police, promising arrest in the future for street car employees who "use profant or obscene language before women and children, or who assault passengers," declared, "It's getting so bad here that decent people are reluctant to ride the street cars."

After this war is done, one of the luxuries people are going to demand will be the luxury of courtesy, which decamped at the very time it was desperately needed to clothe and cushion the bare bones of human conduct, rattling in the winds of war. Perhaps we shall have to learn courtesy again, recapturing the lost are that assures men's dignity even over a bargain counter or at a street car fare box.

Certainly we shall have to reestablish that dignity before our communities will be pleasant places to live in again, and before our nation will be as highly regarded by visitors as those which make courtesy a national policy.

PERSONALS

Horace Dow, insurance agent here has returned from Washington state where he has spent the past twelve years and it is stated he expects to reenter the business field in this city.

Mrs. H. T. Bigelow of this city and Miss Mary Ellen Duggan of Sacramento spent Friday at Calida Lumber Company mill near Downieville visiting their sister and mother, Mrs. James Duggan.

Mrs. Frank Meggers of Camptonville and Mrs. Frank Delaney of Downieville are spending a few days in Nevada City while their husbands are attending a Tahoe national forest rangers meeting at the local headquarters. Ranger Meggers is leaving the forest service soon and with his wife will go to Paradise, Butte County, where they have purchased a ranch. They anticipate much pleasure and success on the fertile farm on Clark Road. Ranger Meggers has been with the forest service twenty four years.

Harold Deeter purchased his partner A. C. Pearce's interest in Long John's Tavern on February 22 and is now propietor of the establishment. The tavern is on lower Broad Street.

Mrs. Eleanor DeWein was called to San Francisco early this week because of the death of her sister.

Mrs. Grace McDonald and Mrs. Myrtle Roark, Boise, Idaho, and Roy Shawver, Vancouver, Wash., came to Nevada City to attend the funeral of their late sister, Mrs. Luella Ramsey on Wednesday. Mrs. Ramsey died early Saturday morning.

Walter Phelps of Oakland came to Nevada City to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Luella Ramsey and act as pall bearer. He also visited his brother, Joe Phelps, and family while here.

Evangeline Chapter, OES, enjoyed a program and dinner served by men members of the order Tuesday evening. As part of the program William French, law enforcement officer of Tahoe national forest, showed the film Land Conservation. A large crowd was in attendance.

Bill Misner, son of Frank Misner former local police officer, was here recently as a guest of the Usrey family. Bill who enlisted when 17 years of age in the U. S. Navy has just received his medical discharge. His father is now living in Sacramento.

Fred Conner of North San Juan was in Nevada City Monday, bringing in the Red Cross funds from his district.

Mrs. W. C. Buffington is home ill and under the care of Dr. B. W. Hummelt. She is a supervisor and mess attendant at DeWitt Hospital near Auburn and has been employed a year. She expects to return to work soon.

TESTS MADE TO PROTECT MAGNESIUM

Relative merits of various substances now on the market which prevent or retard corrosion of magnesium are being tested at the University of Nevada by Dr. George W. Sears and Dr. Loring Williams of the chemisthy department.

Designed to increase information regarding the many commercially recommended protective substances commonly used on magnesium in structures exposed to the elements, the series of preliminary experiments may also lead to an improvement in the quality of existing products, the collabartors explained.

This is believed to be the first independent comparative test ever made to determine the relative value of the different products designed to prevent corrosion of the metal.

Magnesium, which is one third lighter in weight than aluminum is extremely valuable in structural work where strength and light weight are essential. At the present time it is much used in the manufacture of airplanes, and in the post war era, trains, automobiles and many other types of machinery with moving parts will utilize the metal.

But, even more than aluminum, magnesium becomes corroded quickly when exposed to wind and rain, and is particularly susceptible to the effects of salt air.

In the tests now underway at the university, sheets of magnesium approximately the size of a postal card are coated with the various types of protective substances being tested and then exposed to the weather.

Mrs. Ella Hahs of Grass Valley Passes

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hooper and Weaver Mortuary for Mrs. Ella Hahs who died Tuesday in a Nevada City hospital.

Mrs. Hahs 86 years of age suffered a fractured hip several weeks ago as the result of a fall. Complications resulting from her age culminated fatally.

The deceased was a native of Pueblo, Colorado and had lived in Grass Valley for the past 14 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Chas. Plumtree and Mrs. Cora Gregor, both of this city. Four grand children and eight great grandchildren are bereaved.

Mrs. Hahs was a member of Woodcraft, Pueblo, Colordao.

Wounded Soldier Dictates Letter to Wife

Mrs. Margaret Steger, apprised a few days ago by the War Department that her husband, Pvt. Raymond C. Steger, had been seriously wounded in action on western front, has now received a letter from a Red Cross nurse, dictated by him, which states that he is being well taken care of and that his doctor did not wish him to do much for himself at present.

Neither message gave any information concerning the nature of his wound or where the hospital in which he is being treated is situated.

There are now eight teen age centers operated by the recreation department in San Francisco, with 3 more in process of construction.

In Iraq secondary education is not free, but poor boys who have an average of not less than 65 in their examinations are exempted from paying fees.

REASON FOR CALIFORNIA TOWN NAMES

California town names have many origins. Some are Indian, some Spanish, some memorials to poineers, some descriptive. With the thought that newcomers and old timers alike may be interested in knowing how our cities and towns received their names, we shall publish from time to time a few of these chosen from Northern and Central California. Requests for special identifications will be welcomed.

Almaden: Named for the Almaden quicksilver mines in Spain, the word is of Moorish origin and means mine or mineral.

Tiburon: From the Spanish for shark.

Pinole: From an Aztec word meaning any kind of parched or ground grain or seeds.

Mendocino: For Antonia de Mendoza, first viceroy of New Spain.

Solano: For an Indian chief of the Suisun tribe, who on his conversion was named for the missionary Francisco Solano.

Tulare: Spanish for place of reeds or rushes.

Gilroy: For John Cameron, the first English speaking Californian who took the name of Gilroy when he jumped ship at Monterey in 1814.

Mare Island: In memory of a white mare belonging to General Vallejo, which was saved from a ship wreck on the island.

Grass Valley Man Promoted in Air Corps

A communication from the 8th Air Force Service Command brings word that Richard C. Holub, whose wife lives in Broadview Heights, Grass Valley, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. The promotion was announced by Col. James F. Early, his commanding officer.

Captain Holub is assistant flight test officer at a strategic air depot in England. It is his duty to make sure that planes repaired at this base are suitable for further combat duty.

Capt. Holub graduated from the Grass Valley high school in 1936. Prior to his entry into the army, was radio operator for the Grass Valley Highway Patrol office in Hills Flat.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church, 114 Boulder street at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. A Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock. Our reading room at 310 Broad street is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, holidays excepted from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit the reading room.

The Sacramento River has a mightier flow than the Colorado.

Abraham Gallez of Grass Valley Passes

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Holmes and Myers Funeral Home for Abraham Gallez, for many years a resident of Grass Valley, who died Sunday afternoon in Vallejo. Rev. Mark Pike officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Gallez was a native of Illinois, aged 80 years. He leaves the following children, Mrs. Chris Kammer, Mrs. Paul Roman and Daniel Gallez of Oakland, Mrs. Geromine Myers, Mrs. Nellie Ferguson and Mrs. Richard Ellington of Terre Haute, Ind., Mrs. James Smith, and Edward Gallez and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The International Organization of the League of Nations concludes international agreements on minimum labor standards.

Centuries before Christ kites were commonly used in China in warfare for purposes of signalling.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Definition of a Great Man

At Bill Webster's the other evening, we were kidding Bill about his children always saying that their pop's "a great man."

"Well, the kids are right," chuckles Bill. "Everybody in America's a great man. You just can't be part of greatness and not share in it."

In America (argues Bill) things that used to belong only to the great are common property: a share in government through the right to vote; liberties guaranteed; freedom to one's mind; to work at what one pleases; to choose what one likes to eat or drink ... whether beer or buttermilk.

But from where I sit, there's one important point to add ... to make Bill's definition ring true. We must be worthy of this greatness. We must have the humility to appreciate these blessings ... never abuse them with intolerance, intemperance, or indifference.

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